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4	JAMES DEAN, MR., et al.,) Docket No. 09 C 1190				
5	Plaintiffs,)				
6	vs.) Chicago, Illinois				
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1 THE CLERK: 09 C 1190, Dean versus the City. 2 MR. PETRARCA: Good morning, your Honor. Chris 3 Petrarca on behalf of Mr. Dean. 4 MR. ERICKSON: Good morning, your Honor. 5 Erickson on behalf of Mr. Dean. MS. HAMILTON: Good morning, Judge. Torri Hamilton 6 7 also on behalf of Mr. Dean. 8 MR. KOWALCZYK: Good morning, your Honor. Larry Kowalczyk on behalf of Officer Fiorito. 9 10 MS. ATKINS: Good morning, your Honor. Stacey 11 McGlynn Atkins on behalf of Officer Fiorito. 12 MS. SHARIFI: Good morning, your Honor. Ghaza1 13 Sharifi, S-h-a-r-i-f-i, on behalf of Officer Fiorito. 14 MS. THOMPSON: Good morning, your Honor. 15 Thompson on behalf of the City. 16 THE COURT: Oh, you're new today. 17 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. 18 THE COURT: You're here for Mr. Nolan. 19 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. He wasn't able to come in. 20 THE COURT: Okay. So there's been one development 21 since yesterday which the parties apprised me of by email. 22 And so the plaintiff is not going to call Mr. -- or not 23 proposing to call Mr. Pipkens or Ms. Klein, and so the, what 24 I'll call the other act evidence issue boils down to 25 Mr. Lopez.

And I believe Mr. Kowalczyk sent me everything by email. I have not had an opportunity to read it because this has kind of been a morning from hell.

MR. KOWALCZYK: I believe the hand delivery came in this morning.

THE COURT: It also came in too. I don't know. I've been out here since 9:00. So I will deal with that.

Then the other thing that was on the table, and I looked over the final pretrial order, I guess there's some objections to witnesses being called. And some of them I think kind of drop by the wayside because of some rulings I've made, but I guess there are a few others. And so here's the ones that I have on the plaintiff's may call list that are -- who have been objected to by the defendant: Kevin Finnegan, who's a police officer; Joseph Peterson, who's a police officer; Charles Piet, P-i-e-t, who's a lawyer; Lawrence O'Reilly, who is also a lawyer; Jill Maderak, M-a-d-e-r-a-k; Mr. Lopez, we've covered him; Pipkens drops out; and Klein drops out.

So of those people, who do you actually think you're going to call? Do I have to deal with all of them, in other words?

MS. HAMILTON: Yes. I'm sorry, yes. I believe we might call -- the only two that we may not call are probably Finnegan and Peterson. Those were both police officers.

One's a lockup keeper and one's the -- listed as the assisting 1 2 officer, assisting arresting officer on Fiorito's arrest 3 report of Dean. 4 THE COURT: Which one is listed on the arrest report? 5 MS. HAMILTON: Finnegan. 6 MR. KOWALCZYK: And Officer Finnegan -- they both 7 gave depositions, your Honor, but Officer Finnegan had 8 absolutely no recollection at all whatsoever of the event. 9 And I believe it was Michael Oppenheimer who was at that dep 10 from plaintiffs. 11 But he's on a report? THE COURT: 12 MR. KOWALCZYK: That is correct, Judge. His name 13 appears on the report. 14 THE COURT: And on Peterson, you said he's a lockup 15 keeper? 16 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. 17 THE COURT: So what's the purpose for which -- I'm 18 not suggesting there isn't one, but what's the purpose for 19 which you'd be calling him? 20 MS. HAMILTON: The lockup keeper actually fills 21 out -- does an evaluation of the arrestee and fills out a is 22 he intoxicated or not. 23 I'm not going to preclude them from being THE COURT: 24 called. It may be that they don't know anything or that 25 they're going to say they don't know anything, but they're

both identified in documents as people who had some contact with Mr. Dean, so I don't think there's an appropriate basis to prevent the plaintiff from call them.

As far as Mr. Piet is concerned, I frankly think I've dealt with Mr. Piet largely in the summary judgment motion. I mean, I think I said that in terms of what's in his affidavit there was one thing that I thought was hearsay, the rest of it I didn't think was hearsay, and I thought there was a sufficient foundation for it. So I don't think I need to do anything further on Piet. I mean, there may be some objections that come up when he's called, but --

Let me skip over 0'Reilly for a second. What's Jill Maderak?

MS. HAMILTON: Jill Maderak the records keeper for OEMC, Judge. She would be called basically -- in the past I've used her to explain what the OEMC records which are -- can be sort of confusing without some help. So that's what she's on the list for.

THE COURT: Now that you know that, do you think there's some basis for me to prevent them from calling her?

MR. KOWALCZYK: If it's relaying foundation, we may even be able to agree on certain foundation.

THE COURT: I'm not going to preclude it. I'd like you to try to agree, but I'm not going to force the plaintiff to stipulate. If you think it explains it better to have a

live witness, then that's fine.

Lopez I'm going to talk about later, and so that leaves 0'Reilly. So who's 0'Reilly?

MS. HAMILTON: Lawrence O'Reilly was at the time of Mr. Dean's prosecution he was the supervisor -- state's attorney supervisor in traffic court. I actually disclosed him by name in my 26(a)(1)s.

THE COURT: What would you be calling him for? Did he have some involvement in the discussions that led to the disposition of the case?

MS. HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. KOWALCZYK: This was the ruling your Honor made yesterday on the 134 nolles.

MS. HAMILTON: No, Judge.

THE COURT: I'm talking about on Mr. Dean's case.

MS. HAMILTON: Yes.

THE COURT: So they're saying that he may have had some involvement in the discussions that led to the disposition of Mr. Dean's case. So I'm not going to preclude him either because it's potentially relevant on the favorable termination issue.

Okay. So there's a couple of objections that the defendant listed -- or that the plaintiff listed to defense witnesses, and so I'm going to just go through the laundry list and you'll tell me which ones you're going to call and

then we'll deal with them. 1 2 So you've got an assistant state's attorney named 3 Michael Rusch, R-u-s-c-h. 4 MR. KOWALCZYK: Judge, he was the one on Dean's --5 the plea agreement. And your Honor saw the transcript. 6 THE COURT: So he was on the state side of the 7 discussion. 8 MR. KOWALCZYK: That's correct. 9 MS. HAMILTON: Withdraw our objection, Judge. 10 THE COURT: Okay. So that objection is withdrawn. 11 Kevin Rocio, R-o-c-i-o. 12 MR. KOWALCZYK: Disclosed early on by the plaintiff 13 in his deposition as the gentleman who was with him at 14 Japonais, and we listed him --15 THE COURT: In the supplementals. 16 MR. KOWALCZYK: That's correct. 17 MS. HAMILTON: We've actually had contact with him, 18 so we withdraw our objection. 19 THE COURT: Okay. So that objection is withdrawn. 20 And then it looked like the other two -- so does 21 either -- so Michael been (phonetic) and Evelyn Hernandez, do 22 they relate to Lopez in some way? 23 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. 24 MR. KOWALCZYK: They both do, Judge. They won't be 25 called if Lopez doesn't hit the stand.

1 THE COURT: Okay. So I think I just defer those and 2 wait and see what happens. 3 MR. KOWALCZYK: And the same, I believe, there's a 4 lockup keeper also. I think it was Officer --5 THE COURT: You're right. MR. KOWALCZYK: -- Kunabis (phonetic) or Ziamba 6 7 (phonetic). I apologize to the court. It was of one those --8 THE COURT: Kunabis. 9 MR. KOWALCZYK: -- who did testify that Lopez 10 appeared intoxicated at the time of lockup. 11 THE COURT: There's no objection to him actually. 12 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. And one of them actually 13 probably relates to one of the witnesses we've withdrawn, one 14 of those two at the bottom of the page there. 15 THE COURT: Kunabis and Ziamba? 16 MS. HAMILTON: Correct. 17 MR. KOWALCZYK: The corresponding officer. 18 THE COURT: You'll get that sorted out. 19 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 20 THE COURT: So as far as all of these exhibits, I 21 mean, it looked like there was maybe a couple of dozen that 22 were objected to, so all of these -- I mean a number of 23 plaintiff's exhibits that are objected to are police reports. 24 So like 4, 5, 6, 7 and a bunch of others, I don't -- I'm going 25 to confess I did not take this home and look through the

binder, okay. I'm going to assume that at least 4, 5, 6, and 1 2 7 were authored by Officer Fiorito. 3 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 4 THE COURT: So those aren't hearsay. 5 Eight is -- what's 8? Why do you need 8? 8 is the 6 auto pound yard pass. So this is the thing they give somebody 7 to go get their car out of the pound? 8 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, after their car has been 9 impounded. It just corroborates that the car was impounded, 10 that they took possession of the car. He didn't park it there. It was actually impounded, park it in front of the 11 12 fire hydrant. There also is a fee associated with having to 13 get the car out. 14 THE COURT: Whose signature is this? 15 MS. HAMILTON: That's the actual -- it says 16 roommate's signature, to whom he still owes the money. 17 THE COURT: All right. So this is something that you 18 actually want to use, not just something you've put on the 19 list because you need it on the list. 20 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 21 THE COURT: Okay. So talk me through what the 22 objection is to this, Mr. Kowalczyk. 23 MR. KOWALCZYK: Go ahead. 24 THE COURT: Or Ms. McGlynn Atkins. 25 MS. ATKINS: Good morning, your Honor.

1 The auto pound yard pass, it is signed not by 2 Mr. Dean, but by his alleged roommate, the actual owner of the 3 Mr. Dean's name does not appear on it anywhere. 4 Miss Hamilton also talked about a related document, 5 which would be the actual receipt for the impoundment fee. 6 THE COURT: Is that in here too somewhere? 7 MS. ATKINS: That would be -- I believe it's 8 Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 17. 9 THE COURT: You are correct. It is. 10 MS. ATKINS: Those two documents, again, they don't 11 have Mr. Dean's signature on them. And, moreover, Mr. -- and please forgive me if I butcher his last name. I think it's 12 13 Simchak (phonetic). The owner of the vehicle. 14 THE COURT: Not even close, but I get it. 15 MS. ATKINS: He's not disclosed as a witness. 16 not expected to testify at trial as to the alleged money owed 17 to him for the impoundment or to talk about anything relative 18 to the actual yard pass itself. 19 THE COURT: Pass for a second. 20 So what's Mr. Dean's story as to how the car got out 21 of impoundment? 22 MS. HAMILTON: So it was the roommate's car, so only 23 a roommate can actually get the car out of the pound. 24 THE COURT: Who forked over money? 25 MS. HAMILTON: The roommate did, but the debt --

1 THE COURT: And he says Mr. Dean owes it to him. 2 MS. HAMILTON: Correct. 3 THE COURT: Okay. And so this is part of Mr. Dean 4 proving what his damages are. 5 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 6 THE COURT: Okay. 7 MS. ATKINS: Your Honor, if I may, I don't believe 8 that there's been any evidence offered that Mr. Dean actually 9 paid his roommate back. 10 THE COURT: Oh, they're not saying he paid him. 11 They're saying he owes it to him. 12 MS. ATKINS: Okay. I thought she just referred it to 13 as a debt that he actually owes to him. 14 THE COURT: No. Simchak paid for it, and then he 15 says, Dean, you owe this to me because it's your fault that my 16 car got impounded. 17 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 18 THE COURT: That's the theory. 19 You know, with a proper foundation, both of these 20 documents are business records of the City of Chicago. 21 There's just no question about it. Now, if you want to make 22 some sort of record custodian come in and say, oh, yeah, this 23 is what these things are, and we keep them, and it's in the 24 ordinary course of business, then fine, go ahead and do that, 25 but you ought to be able to come up with a stipulation.

1 I mean, your argument really here isn't or at least 2 shouldn't be about whether the pieces of paper come in. 3 should be about their significance, you know, whether, first 4 of all, it's really damages because we don't have Simchak 5 here, ladies and gentlemen, how do we even know that he's 6 actually asked Mr. Dean for the money back? You have Mr. Dean 7 to believe for that. Do you believe anything the guy says? 8 Et cetera, et cetera. I think you ought to be able to work 9 past that one. So that's it. 10 9 is the bond slip, which Mr. Dean did sign. At least I assume that's Mr. Dean. Or who posted the money? Oh, 11 12 that's Mr. Simchak's signature again. At least it looks like 13 a similar scrawl. I'm not sure that it is actually. 14 No, that's got to be his because it says defendant's 15 signature. 16 So what are you putting in the bond slip for? 17 MS. HAMILTON: Judge, the bond slip shows what 18 time -- this is relevant -- kind of key to plaintiff's case. 19 THE COURT: What time he got --20 MS. HAMILTON: Yeah. Bond slip -- there's two bond 21 So one shows when he bonded out for the arrest of slips. 22 Mr. Walsh, which is relevant because it's some four minutes 23 later that he's been, you know, arrested by ---24 THE COURT: Okay. I get it. 25 MS. HAMILTON: And then the second one shows --

1 THE COURT: When he was released from custody. 2 MS. HAMILTON: Ahead of me as usual, Judge. 3 THE COURT: Those are both admissible. 4 Event gueries. So I'm assuming -- I mean, this is 5 going to end up being a foundational exhibit. And this has to 6 do with, again, setting the timeline, I'm assuming? 7 MS. HAMILTON: Yes. 8 THE COURT: So assuming the foundation is laid, I think those are properly admissible. 9 10 The transcript of the January 22 court hearing. 11 Maybe I'm wrong, but as I read the summary judgment materials, 12 it's not an issue about what was said, it's an issue about 13 what it meant and what -- and how it gets interpreted and how 14 it fits into the pigeonholes of favorable termination. 15 what's the objection to putting in the transcript? 16 Oh, it's just that it was mis-titled. The jury is not going to get a list. So just let's say that it's called 17 18 transcript of January 22nd, 2009. Is there a problem with it? 19 MS. ATKINS: No, Judge. 20 MR. KOWALCZYK: No, Judge. 21 THE COURT: Fine. Then that's admitted. 22 No. 14 is the statutory summary suspension order. talked about this yesterday. 23 24 MR. KOWALCZYK: That's correct. 25 MS. SHARIFI: We'll be submitting briefing on it.

1 THE COURT: That's right. You're going to submit 2 something extra on that. 3 15 is the transcript of that hearing. Same deal. 4 17 we've talked about. That's part of the impound. 5 18 is the CBR to the attorney. So who posted the 6 bond money, the five hundred bucks, in other words? Who's 7 Mr. Dean going to testify posted the bond money? 8 MS. HAMILTON: Judge, I believe it was his roommate 9 as well that posted --10 THE COURT: Mr. Simchak. So he's out another five hundred bucks, okay, which Mr. Dean is going to say he hasn't 11 12 paid back yet. 13 MS. HAMILTON: Judge, I can't answer that question at 14 the moment. I'm sorry. Mr. Dean is out of town, and I 15 haven't had as much time with him as I would like before 16 appearing in court. 17 THE COURT: Mr. Dean goes out of town a lot. I know 18 I've heard him tell me this before. this. 19 Okay. 20 MS. ATKINS: Your Honor, if I may also, if I'm 21 remembering the CBR court order correctly, Attorney Piet 22 had --23 THE COURT: Does he pronounce it Piet or does he 24 pronounce it --25 MS. HAMILTON: I believe it's Piet.

1 MS. ATKINS: Piet. 2 THE COURT: He doesn't pronounce it the French way. 3 He pronounces it the Chicago way. It's like Goethe Street, 4 you know. 5 MR. KOWALCZYK: The only way to get there in a cab. 6 THE COURT: Gerte, what's that? 7 MS. ATKINS: Well, if I remember correctly, the 8 attorney had filed a petition to have the bond moneys turned over to him for partial payment --9 10 THE COURT: Right. MS. ATKINS: -- or full payment --11 12 THE COURT: That's what this order says. 13 MS. ATKINS: -- of attorney's fees. And so I don't 14 know -- again, in the absence of the roommate saying that the 15 money is owed back to me or I gave it as --16 THE COURT: I assume Mr. Dean is going to -- I've 17 been told Mr. Dean is going to say that he's been told he owes 18 the money. That's not hearsay. It's that you must pay me. 19 That's not hearsay. And so I think your objection really goes 20 to weight, not admissibility. 21 I mean, it's going to be, I think, a pretty, you know, powerful argument that the guy has no damages because, 22 23 you know, where's Mr. Simchak and why hasn't he gone after 24 Mr. Dean for all, lo, these many years, but I think that's a 25 weight issue.

As far as the deposition transcript of Fiorito's testimony, so I'm not going to tell -- I mean, anything that the party has said in deposition can be introduced by the other party. I'm not going to tell people how to put in their case, you know, whether you just want to put in the deposition and you rest and let the defendants call Fiorito or whether you are going to call him and stick the deposition in his face at some points in time or whether you're going to let him testify and then put in the deposition to show contradictions, but I don't think there's any basis to exclude the deposition testimony.

The Lopez stuff I'm going to deal with. That's 20. Number 21 and 22 are out.

Fiorito's oath of office, what's that all about?

MS. HAMILTON: Judge, he actually -- I think it's relevant to punitive damages. He has signed an oath of office to be a police officer, whether his oath is to uphold the constitution, and he signed it, so I think it's also a statement of a party opponent.

THE COURT: Tell me what the objection is to that.

MR. KOWALCZYK: Judge, the objection is really relevance.

THE COURT: It's a weight issue. The objection is overruled.

As far as the scene photos are concerned, I'm

1 assuming you have -- and the other photos, I'm assuming you 2 have seen them now. 3 MR. KOWALCZYK: We've exchanged -- we've gotten 4 emails from plaintiff's counsel, and the one extra we had --5 all demonstratives have been exchanged. THE COURT: Are both sides okay on all that, or are 6 7 there issues that I have to decide? 8 MR. KOWALCZYK: I think at this time, and we'll work 9 them out. 10 You'll work them out. Fine. THE COURT: 11 All right. Flipping over to the defense exhibits, 12 looks like there's just a couple of objections. 13 So you've got No. 2 is the inventory slip, and so 14 what's the purpose that you're wanting to put this in for? 15 MS. ATKINS: Inventory slip, your Honor, is 16 Mr. Dean's materials that were inventoried. 17 THE COURT: No, I know what it is. What does it 18 show? 19 MR. KOWALCZYK: The significance, Judge, is there's a 20 receipt for minibar that's listed. 21 THE COURT: Oh, receipt for minibar. Okay. 22 MS. HAMILTON: Judge, our objection to that is we 23 don't have the actual receipts. We don't even know what date 24 or anything it says on it, number one. 25 Number two is that it's hearsay as offered by the

defendants because they're offering a statement of their own party.

THE COURT: No. They're offering a statement of their own party that the defendant had this thing on him. That's not hearsay.

MS. HAMILTON: Isn't the --

THE COURT: We recovered this from the defendant when we searched him before we put him in the lockup and it was a receipt for a minibar. And then it's up to everybody to argue what the significance of it is, if anything.

MS. HAMILTON: It would be the plaintiff's position that he can testify to that but to introduce the document is -- we could introduce it, but they can't because they're introducing an out-of-court statement by their own --

THE COURT: This is not like your sort of standard narrative police report in which a police officer is essentially relating what was told to him or her about an event. This is -- if this can't get in as a business record, I'm not sure what can. And so, you know, again, if you want to make people lay the foundation that it's a regular practice to record what we take from the person, et cetera, et cetera, go ahead and do that, but I really think that you should be spending more time arguing about significant stuff. I think you'll be able without much difficulty to lay a business record foundation for it.

1 No. 3 is photographs used in Fiorito's deposition, so 2 you're going to deal with that it sounds like. 3 MS. HAMILTON: Yes, Judge. 4 THE COURT: Lopez we've dealt with. 5 Benz, let's hold that until I deal with Lopez. 6 That's No. 8. 7 9, 10, and 11 are basically off the table because 8 that's Klein and Pipkens. 9 And that's it. 10 MS. HAMILTON: Judge, there's just two other things that we need to address with your Honor with the pretrial 11 12 order. 13 THE COURT: Yes. 14 MS. HAMILTON: The first is Mr. Erickson had an 15 opportunity to speak briefly before we came into court about 16 we wanted to seek your Honor's leave to amend the pretrial 17 order just to add another exhibit that may be used for 18 impeachment purposes only. It's the DUI detection manual that 19 we would like to use if necessary. 20 It's a police department document of some THE COURT: 21 sort? 22 MS. HAMILTON: It's actually created by the National 23 Highway Institute of Traffic Safety. 24 THE COURT: You're going to be able to lay some sort 25 of foundation that this is what police officers follow?

1 MS. HAMILTON: With Officer Fiorito, yes. 2 THE COURT: Assuming they can lay the foundation, is 3 there a problem with this one? 4 MR. KOWALCZYK: It was just given to us today, Judge, 5 but I think we can probably --THE COURT: Okay. Look it over, and you'll tell me 6 7 on Monday if there's a problem. 8 What's the second thing? 9 MS. HAMILTON: Your Honor, there's one other issue that we need to address; if it's possible, we'd like to go off 10 11 the record about it. 12 MR. KOWALCZYK: Probably two issues, actually, off 13 the record. 14 THE COURT: So let me tell you the two other things 15 that I need to tell you on the record. 16 So, number one, you will get tomorrow, probably in 17 the morning, hopefully in the morning, by email -- and what I 18 need somebody to do is pull out a piece of paper and put let's 19 say two people per side that I'm going to send the draft jury 20 questionnaire and the draft preliminary jury instructions to. 21 You'll probably get those in two separate emails in the 22 morning with an email that says give me your comments and 23 responses by 3:00 in the afternoon or something like that with 24 a copy to the other side.

I will instruct the jury before opening statements,

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and that will include instructions on the elements of what the 1 2 claims are. 3 I allow jurors to ask questions. I think you've all 4 tried cases in front of me before. At least somebody on each 5 side has tried cases in front of me before, so you know how 6 that works. 7 And the trial -- be here at 9:45 on Monday, and we 8 won't, generally speaking, go past 4:30 unless there's a witness on the stand that's within a few minutes of being 9 10 The lunch break will be at 12:30, and we'll resume at 11 either 1:30 or 1:45 depending upon what other cases I have up 12 at 1:30. 13 I think that's everything I needed to tell you. 14 So come over here. 15 (Discussion at side bar off the record.) 16 (Which were all the proceedings had in the 17 above-entitled cause on the day and date aforesaid.) 18 CERTIFICATE 19 20 21 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and 22 correct transcript of the above-entitled matter. 23 24 /s/ Valarie M. Ramsey 08-17-2012 25 Court Reporter Date